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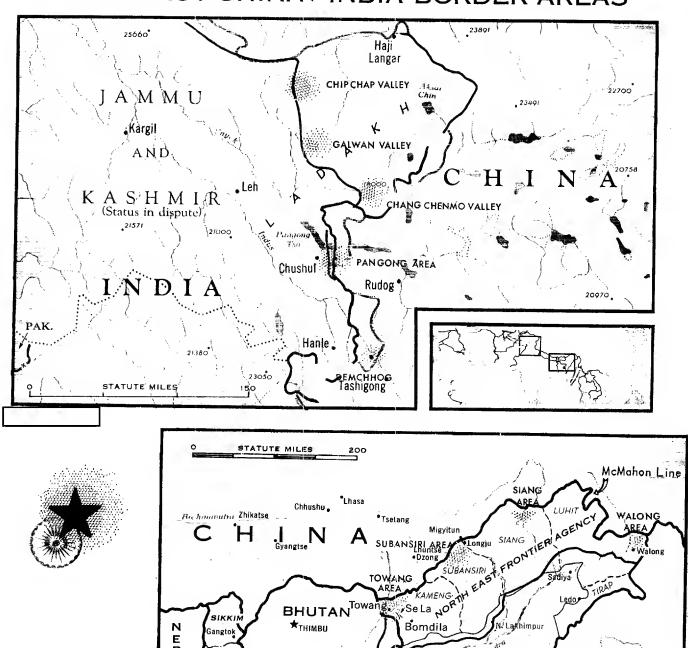
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India - Communist China: Nehru's demotion of Krishna Menon from defense minister to minister of defense production is the result of persistent pressure from his government and party.

Nehru takes over the ministry himself today. He had unofficially taken charge of the defense effort last week.

Nehru had conceded that his government's defense preparedness left much to be desired, but was reluctant to take any action which would be interpreted --especially abroad--as signaling a break with past Indian policies and attitudes. He gave in when faced with both an emergency and opposition to Menon from President Radhakrishnan, virtually the entire cabinet, and the majority of the Congress parliamentary party.

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Menon's prospects for attaining effective political power in India--never very bright--now seem virtually extinguished. In his new capacity Menon is likely to have little part in major policy decisions. He will probably continue to exert considerable private influence with the prime minister, however, especially in foreign affairs.

Along the border, Indian forces defending the strategic pass at Se La have now been brought to division strength.

*The town of Walong, at the eastern end of the border, was reportedly lost by the Indians on Monday night. New Delhi may be seeking to recapture the town before its loss becomes known.

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